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“Tell the truth and don’t be afraid.”



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Eastern students are performing random acts of kindness.

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Men's basketball team loses to SEMO on buzzer-beating shot.

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First-year faculty vote to join UPI

By Joseph Ryan
Administration editor

First-year annually contracted faculty voted Thursday to become a part of Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois. All 16 votes were in favor of becoming voting members of UPI and recipients of the benefits of the faculty salary contract.

“We feel this is a good thing for our campus and for the students,” David Radavich, president of Eastern's chapter of UPI, said. About 28 faculty members qual-

ified to vote but only 16 were present to. Radavich said some of those who did not vote informed him they were either sick or not able to be in town that day.

Radavich previously said, “A positive vote will help us continue to improve the professional lives of our annually contracted colleagues and enhance the university community.”

Having the first-year faculty join the union will guarantee them health insurance coverage and allow their first year of employment to count toward seniority and retire-

ment, which was not previously the case, Radavich previously said.

The election was held by secret ballot and was supervised by the State of Illinois Education Labor Relations Board with representatives from both UPI and Eastern's administration present to observe, according to a press release.

In early December of 2000, UPI petitioned the Illinois Education Labor Relations Board to allow first-year annually contracted faculty members to join the Union. An agreement was reached with Eastern later that month.

Alum keeps an eye on Eastern

By Joseph Ryan
Administration editor

A little more than ten years after Dale Righter left Eastern in a gown and tassel, he is representing Eastern's interests and his hometown's principles in the Illinois General Assembly.

Righter, a 1988 Eastern alum, said he gained more from Eastern than just classroom experience.

“I told my mom that I probably learned more outside the classroom than I did inside it, and she just about fainted,” Righter said. “What I meant, though, was that I learned

which is run through student government, taught him how to deal with budget related issues.

“It's real easy to just say, ‘Give those people the money they need,’ but when you actually sit down and look at the numbers, it is a whole different story,” Righter said.

Righter could not have expected then that a decade or so later he



Dale Righter

would be sitting on the The House State Government Administration Committee and

The Appropriations and Human Services Committee, both of which are deeply involved with budgets and related issues.

Both of those positions gave Righter his first glimpse of what public service is like, and it stuck with him.

Despite the fact that Righter was born and raised in Mattoon, he decided to live on Eastern's campus for his college career.

A resident of Douglas Hall for his first two years, Righter spent his junior year in Stevenson Hall and then moved off campus to Lincolnshire Apartments for his senior year.

Righter, who graduated from Mattoon High School in 1984, moved on to law school after Eastern.

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DEN launches new Internet Web site

By Kyle Bauer
Managing editor

Thanks to the miracle of modern technology, The Daily Eastern News has finally been able to catch up with the times by launching its new Internet Web site.

Now located at thedailyeasternnews.com, The DEN has completely reformatted the existing Web site to be more visually pleasing and reader friendly.

The Daily Eastern News is now posting all of its stories from the print edition as well as original content online. Everything from news and features to sports and the opinion page can be already be found online, while stories unique to the online edition are soon to come.

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www.thedailyeasternnews.com

In an effort to provide an easier opportunity for students to give their input about what is going on with the campus, the new Web site features an online poll that will provide the DEN, as well as the entire campus, with a better idea of what matters to the students.

Students will also be able to submit letters to the editor via the online edition as well as check out staff profiles and e-mail members of the DEN staff.

Space will also be sold for classified advertising and display advertising.

It's never too cold to golf



Kate Mitchell / Assoc. photo editor

Larry Hanner, of Charleston, took advantage of the warm February weather Sunday afternoon as he practices his golf swing behind Lantz pond. “It's nice outside, so I'm out enjoying it,” said Hanner.

February sees average temps, precipitation

Staff report

Two weeks after the groundhog saw his shadow, his prediction of six more weeks of winter weather seems to be correct.

The bitterly cold temperatures in Charleston for the majority of this month are an indication of the weeks to come.

Tuesday night there is anticipated

snowfall with temperatures continuing to be in the 30s for the next week, according to the National Weather Service.

The month of February has been pretty average as compared to past years, besides getting to temperatures as low as two degrees and as warm as 59 degrees, said Dalias Price, local weather observer. February has received average rain-

fall and may get up to four inches of snow by the end of the month.

There has been a lot of cloudy weather this month, including an above average amount of fog, Price said.

By the end of February, there will be 12 hours of sunlight per day. On Sunday, the sun set at 5:32, and there are two extra minutes of daylight everyday.

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RHA elects new member

By Jeremy Pelzer
Student government editor

The Residence Hall Association Thursday elected a communication coordinator.

Taylor Collins, a freshman speech communications major, was unanimously elected RHA communication coordinator, a position that involves organizing activities and communicating with RHAs on a state and national level.

Collins said she will do a good job with the position.

RHA members also discussed a new housing rate increase proposal, residence hall problems, the elimination of an executive position and attempted to field nominations for RHA treasurer.

In other business, Nick Skipitaris,

RHA representative to the Student Senate, introduced the RHA to a revised housing rate proposal currently tabled by the senate. Under the proposal, the cost for housing and meals at Eastern would rise by as much as \$250 for fall semester.

RHA President Alison Mormino said the RHA should join the senate in voting on whether to recommend the proposal.

“It affects residence hall students – why wouldn’t you (vote on it)?” Mormino asked.

Ford Hall representatives said their hall is considering 24-hour visitation rights. Hall president Joe Harr said Skipitaris will talk to Ford residents within the next couple of weeks about the idea.

Also, the RHA discussed eliminating the position of vice president

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Alison Mormino,
RHA president

for fundraising recognition. The position, which is currently open, involves organizing RHA fundraising activities such as fruit baskets. If approved by an amendment to the RHA Constitution, these duties would be assumed by the RHA treasurer, Mormino said.

The position of RHA treasurer continued to remain open as no one was nominated for the job at the meeting.

three-day
forecast

today
52°
35° Windy

Tuesday
51°
24° Partly cloudy

Wednesday
34°
15° Snow



Steve Baran / Staff photographer

Underground debut

Mr. Opporknockity, an acoustic rock quintet, sponsored by Sonor, debuted at 7th Street Underground in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Saturday night. Mr. Opporknockity was voted “Best Local Band” by Springfield Magazine the past two years.

What’s on
tap?

Special events open to all students, faculty, staff and community members can be published in What’s on tap. Events limited to specific groups or organizations or regularly scheduled events can be published in CampusClips. To have your event included send details, including time, date, place and cost, to cucds6@pen.eiu.edu or bring a written statement to 1811 Buzzard Hall.

Vitrual Job Fair allows students the opportunity to network

By Chris Hughes
Staff writer

Career Services will offer students another opportunity to network with employers through its spring Virtual Job Fair, beginning today.

The Virtual Job Fair is a 24 hour a day online access to education, business, industry and government employers who list full time, part time, summer and internship openings, said Rosalyn Gresens, Career Services associate director.

“It’s important for candidates to search through the Virtual Job Fair listings throughout the two-week event. New employers will be added to the list of participants, and additional job posting will appear daily,” Gresens said.

Students can search the site for jobs by employer name, geographic preference or job and then submit their resume online. Employers will then be able to search the Web site and review candidate qualifications and resumes, Gresens said.

Participation is open to all stu-

dents and is free, Gresens said.

An online registration form must be completed and provide a current resume for referral. Students can download a resume created in Microsoft Word, Acrobat Reader’s editor or a Rich Text Format file, she said.

Students can register for the fair until March 2 at <http://www.jobsrv.eiu.edu>.

This is the second Virtual Job Fair Career Services has offered. During the fall Virtual Job Fair, 95 employers and 416 candidates participated.

Employers posted 169 openings, and 2,378 resumes were submitted by students or requested by employers in response to those vacancies, Gresens said.

There are two remaining job fairs scheduled for spring semester. The first is on April 4 when Career Services will host Teacher Placement Day in Lantz Gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also, from April 5 to the 12, another Virtual Job Fair will focus on part time, summer and internship positions.

Today

6-7 p.m., Stress Management Workshop,
Student Rec Center, Lantz Gym.

Tuesday

5 p.m., Three Keys to Learning, Ninth Street
Hall Room 2016.
7:30 p.m., “You Are Driving Me Crazy,”
Effingham Room, Martin Luther King Jr.
University Union.
2 p.m., “Turkey at the Crossroads of Europe,”
Buzzard Auditorium.

Wednesday

4 p.m., “Can We Get Closer to the Truth: A
Talk on the topic of the paradox of verisimili-
tude,” Coleman Hall Room 326.
2 to 4 p.m., International Tea Focus on
Japan, Charleston/Mattoon Room in the
Martin Luther King Jr. Univerisyt Union.

Sorority performing random acts of kindness

By Jennifer Rigg
Activities editor

For the month of February an organization on campus is taking time out of their busy schedules to show appreciation to some people and businesses on campus that are long over due.

Sigma Gamma Rho Inc., a historically black sorority, is surprising campus businesses with random acts of kindness in honor of African-American Heritage Month.

Thursday morning the employees of the Financial Aid Office and those in User Services were surprised with doughnuts, muffins and orange juice all while the girls of Sigma Gamma Rho serenaded them with the sounds of “thank you,” said Nancy Dole, financial aid advisor.

“I personally thought it was real-

ly a nice gesture on their part,” she said. “It was really nice that someone took the time out of their day to appreciate us. It brightened our day.”

Joyce Harwood, medical insurance specialist said it made everyone’s day in the Financial Aid Office.

“I heard them singing downstairs and I hoped they would come upstairs,” she said. “I thought it was very gracious.”

Michelle Tanner, a student worker in User Services, thought the random acts of kindness was a great idea. “It was a great surprise and it was very nice of them to do,” she said.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, Sigma Gamma Rho surprised their first random acts of kindness recipients, the Registration Office. The sorority is accepting nominations for its

next random act of kindness from anyone who wishes to make a nomination.

Nominations can be made for any employee on campus or a particular department. Nominations can be made to Monique Cookbey, the on-campus graduate advisor for the sorority, through her e-mail account at cumc6@eiu.edu.

Anyone making a nomination is asked to include a two to three sentence paragraph explaining why that person or department should receive a random act of kindness, Cookbey said.

The departments who are chosen will receive items much like the free breakfast given to the Financial Aid Office, the Registration Office and User Services. For a single person, the gifts will be more like gift certificates to Wal-Mart, Cookbey said.



Chris Sievers / Staff photographer

Monique Cookbey, graduate advisor for Sigma Gamma Rho, offers doughnuts to Lennie Heddins, staff member in the Financial Aid office Thursday morning. The Sigma Gamma Rho sorority is surprising unsuspected members of the campus community with random acts of kindness every week during the month of February.

Opportunities abound for students who want to do volunteer work

Newman Catholic Center volunteer center offers names of businesses and organizations in the area in need of volunteers

By Jennifer Rigg
Activities editor

Whether it be fulfilling a community service duty or just having the willingness to help the campus and community, The Newman Catholic Center offers a variety of ways to give a little of yourself back to others.

In 1993, The Newman Catholic Center developed a student volunteer center to service the entire university community and to provide volunteer opportunities for students, said Holly Walters, campus minister and volunteer coordinator.

The student volunteer center has since then changed and evolved into a service that students can really utilize, Walters said.

Students who are interested in doing volunteer work can contact Walters and look at a three ring binder that she has put together with names of businesses and organizations in the Charleston community that need and use volunteers.

After interested students inquire

about the information, they are then on their own in contacting the businesses or organizations to see about volunteering. However, The Newman Catholic Center does offer some in-house volunteer services.

One of those services is Alternative Spring Break. “It’s a really big thing,” Walters said. Alternative Spring Break consists of trips to various sites across the country during the week of Spring Break. The trips cost a minimal fee and students are able to travel and volunteer at a destination of their choice.

Another way to volunteer would be through the center’s Haiti Connection. The Haiti connection is The Newman Catholic Center’s link to the third world, Walters said. “(The Haiti Connection) raises awareness about third world issues,” she said.

Volunteers involved in the Haiti Connection participate in activities year-round, such as fund raisers. Volunteers also take two emersion

trips a year. The trips are in December and May and include traveling to do volunteer work in Haiti.

“(Volunteers) work in hospice situations, orphanages and visit our sister community, Barassa,” Walters said. “(Volunteers) check on projects there, like our water purification project. The water is really bad there. People use the same water to take baths, do laundry and for drinking water.”

The Haiti Connection’s water purification project is titled, “Buckets for Life.” Buckets are made by a company in Florida and are purchased for \$15 a piece. These buckets are a kind of filtering system for residents of Haiti can use to purify their drinking water.

The Eastern Illinois University Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity also gives students opportunities to volunteer. Habitat for Humanity functions as a campus chapter and is one of over five hundred Campus Chapters across

the country, Walters said.

Habitat for Humanity at Eastern has three main functions: to help with local affiliates in helping to build or rehabilitate homes, to raise campus and community awareness about inadequate housing issues and to raise funds for the work of Habitat for Humanity.

Throughout the year the Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity works on refurbishing existing housing and building new homes for those in need in Coles County, Walters said. Work projects are scheduled on Saturdays so that all members can attend.

The Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity carries out a variety of different fund raisers throughout the year. Some fund raisers include working with other non-profit organizations, hosting a Christmas Tree Sale, trick-or-treating for change in the Charleston community and selling Habitat merchandise, Walters said.

The Newman Catholic Center also offers after school tutoring to local at-risk youth twice a week for ten weeks each semester. Volunteers are needed to work with these children, Walters said. “College students are paired up

“If a student comes forward and wants to lead one of these programs — great!

Holly Walters,
campus minister and
volunteer coordinator

with the youth and do homework and activities along with tutoring and mentoring the students,” Walters said.

Episodic Volunteering is another area where volunteers are needed at The Newman Catholic Center, Walters said. Episodic volunteering consists of taking a weekend and doing such things as working in local homeless shelters and Christmas caroling in local nursing homes.

“We just do these regularly throughout the year,” Walters said. “If a student comes forward and wants to lead one of these programs - great!”

For more information on these volunteer organizations, contact The Newman Catholic Center at 348-0230

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No links to the past

The guiding principle of the Campus Master Plan, according to many associated with both the plan and the university, was “Plan for the dream, not the limitations.”

The problem is, there’s hardly anybody left from the planning committee or the Board of Trustees, circa 1998, to share that dream.

Stephen Shrake, director of the physical plant, said the 15-year plan was developed as a “guideline,” not a schedule. This is good, because there have been so many personnel changes in key positions at Eastern that it’s doubtful the current administration knows exactly how the plan came about.

Campus Master Plan

The absence of many of the plan’s creators demonstrates that Eastern needs to keep and develop its employees.

For example, the Campus Master Plan Steering Committee had 10 members. Of those 10, only two staff members, two administrators and one former administrator are still at Eastern.

Former BOT member Mack Hollowell recently passed away; former BOT member Tom Johnson, chair of the committee, left the board; former Student Body President Steve Zielinski graduated; and Morgan Olsen, then-vice president for business affairs, and Ted Weidner, then-director of facilities planning and management, left Eastern. Former provost and vice president for academic affairs Teshome Abebe has since been reassigned to the economics department as a professor.

Likewise, the Board of Trustees that approved the plan on April 19, 1999 has seen significant turnover. Only BOT Chair Nate Anderson, Keith Branson and Betsy Mitchell remain from that group of seven trustees.

Eastern President Carol Surles arrived at Eastern only a month before the plan was given to the BOT, so she probably had very little to do with the plan.

That leaves less than half of the people directly involved with the plan’s creation and approval still at Eastern. That’s heavy turnover for a two-and-a-half year period.

There has been plenty of criticism aimed at the university for its “acting” administration, but its difficult to say whether the temporarily filled positions all across campus have had a significant negative effect on how the university is run.

But it’s probably safe to say that when it comes to the Campus Master Plan, the small amount of time those interim employees have spent in their positions leads to unfamiliarity with decisions and plans made prior to their appointments.

That unfamiliarity may be keeping the university from following the master plan as closely as it had once intended.

Eastern needs to solidify its administration. It isn’t too late to rededicate this university to its vision, but some continuity must be maintained in the leadership.

The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Today’s quote

“When the well’s dry, we know the worth of water.”

Benjamin Franklin
1706-1790

Exercise produces more than sweat

Do you ever wish you could fall asleep easier and sleep better? How about erase a problem? Do you ever wish your skin was healthier, or you had a better fitness level? These are just a few things specialists believe exercise can do. There are many benefits to exercise.

Greg Landry, an author and physiologist, compiled a list of the top 20 benefits to exercise.

- Exercise elevates your metabolism, so you burn more calories every day.
- Exercise increases your aerobic capacity, giving you the ability to accomplish more during the day with less fatigue.
- Exercise increases breakdown and use of fat.
- Exercise increases bone strength.
- Exercise improves sleep patterns.
- Exercise increases the amount of blood that flows to the skin, making it look and feel healthier.
- Exercise makes you feel great.

Janice Hughes, chiropractor, coach and author, said exercise reduces stress. Endorphins, which increase your sense of well-being, also reduce anxiety and stress levels. Exercise is a physical outlet for built-up tensions and allows people to become calm and relaxed. By incorporating exercise, people will be better able to handle mental and emotional stresses.

She also said fitness is fun. It can enhance energy and vitality, leading to more joy, a positive outlook and more fun.

Warmer weather soon will arrive. A nice, sunny day is the perfect excuse to go rollerblading or hiking. During the winter, or any time of the year, people can still find some activity to do. The key is to find an activity you enjoy doing, and afterward you’ll feel the benefits.

The Student Recreation Center on campus offers a lot for students. Inside the Rec, there’s weights, a track, stationary



Michelle Jones
Associate news editor

“A nice, sunny day is the perfect excuse to go rollerblading or hiking.”

bikes and treadmills. The weights may seem intimidating if you don’t know how to operate them, but if you stare at the photo illustration long enough, you’ll probably be able to figure it out. Or better yet, go with some people who know what they’re doing, so they can help you.

Students can rent equipment and play volleyball or basketball on their own, or they can join an

intramural team. There also is a wide variety of aerobic classes. Sure, after 30 minutes of doing situps in abs class, you might be in pain, but it’ll be worth it. The Rec Center also has a 25-yard swimming pool with open swim hours every day.

You can exercise with a friend or on your own. Going with a friend can make exercise more fun, but sometimes it is good to have time alone.

My two favorite forms of exercise are swimming and rollerblading. I love to rollerblade as fast as I can, to fight my way up hills and just skate. And I love to swim from one end of the pool to the other and back again over and over. It’s peaceful and calming. It’s a good time to think, to imagine and enter another world.

Sometimes as I’m swimming, I don’t even think of anything except, “30, 31,” or whatever lap I’m on. Problems and stresses, little or big, and bad moods seem to disappear. Of course, if there’s a problem, it’s not really gone, but after swimming or rollerblading, I always feel better. Obstacles are a little easier to overcome when you’re in a good mood.

You might be having a not-so-good day, and you’re just in a mood you can’t seem to shake off. You only have time for five hours of sleep – you need to make the most of that time. Exercise, of any kind, can help.

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You can’t beat’em, so join’em

After Tuesday’s men’s basketball game against Tennessee Tech, I found myself feeling very disturbed. For a good portion of the game there were some gentlemen who were complaining about not being able to see the game.

For those who do not know, there is a group of students on this campus trying to bolster the lackluster amount of school spirit, known as the Blue Crew. Much like Illinois’ Orange Crush or the Cameron Craziest of Duke, we’re there for the team and to get the crowd excited about the entire game, not just the last two minutes.

So, if you’re annoyed by the blue-haired freaks, don’t sit behind us. We’re going to sit as close to the court as possible, we’re going to stand, make noise and be obnoxious the whole game.

Or you can join us. We are by no means an exclusive group. In fact, we would be more than happy to have anyone come down and join us.

Your turn

Letters to the editor

So jump on the bandwagon and show your school spirit! After all, how many times will you get to root for “Oh Henry” Domercant and Kyle “The Thrill” Hill?

Shelly Hopper
Senior English major

Students use Fine Arts Building often

This letter is in response to a comment in Matt Neistein’s column: “How many Eastern students are actually going to spend a significant amount of time in the Fine Arts Building in their college careers?”

Well, most music or arts majors spend a minimum of nine to 10 hours a day just in class. That doesn’t include at least two hours of practice a day on their major instruments or con-

certs. Music majors are loaded with classes worth only one credit hour or none, but are required to graduate.

I haven’t met a person with any other major that is at school anywhere near 10 hours a day. Even non-music majors use the Fine Arts Building. At least one general education music class is required for education majors, and what percentage of Eastern is made up of education majors?

Also, it’s not our decision to get a new Fine Arts Building. We would rather have teachers for classes that we need in order to acquire a competent knowledge of music. If you want to say we are whining, or that your hand towels are more important than someone’s education, go ahead, but this is our future, and we’re getting ripped off.

So to answer your question, Matt, a lot more students than you think.

Jill Ezell
Junior music education major

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Students can give opinions on housing rates at forum

By **Jeremy Pelzer**
Student government editor

Students will be able to learn about and give their views on a proposed housing rate increase that would raise the cost of room and board next semester by as much as \$250 at a forum tonight in Lumpkin Hall.

Many Student Senate members, including Speaker of the Senate Adam Weyhaupt and the senate's Tuition and Fee Review committee will attend the forum, scheduled for 7 pm in Lumpkin Hall Room 122, to explain the proposal and to hear student opinions about housing rates, Weyhaupt said.

"Basically, I will be telling everyone what the newly proposed rates are," said Jen Fanthorpe, Tuition and Fee Review committee chair. Fanthorpe said she will also ask students about whether housing expenses such as the residence hall newspaper program and a plan to install hand dryers or paper towel dispensers in residence hall bathrooms should be kept for next year.

Students will also be able to take a survey about housing rates and expenses at the forum, Fanthorpe said.

Weyhaupt said earlier the results of the survey would be considered by senate members when they vote this

Wednesday on whether to endorse the new rate plan.

Under the plan, submitted to the senate last week after being worked out earlier this month by Weyhaupt, Student Body President Katie Cox, and Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Hencken, a standard double room with five meals a week and 200 dining dollars would cost \$2,155, a \$40 increase over this semester's rates. Prices for meal plans with 10, 12, and 15 meals a week would jump \$250, \$184, and \$178 respectively.

The current proposal replaces the original rate increase plan put forth by the Bond Revenue committee in its annual housing budget proposal finalized last month. In the original proposal, rates for meal plans with 5, 10, 12, and 15 meals a week would be hiked \$195, \$250, \$200, and \$210 respectively.

Hencken said the rate increase is necessary because of inflation, and a tendency by students this year to choose less expensive meal plans, a trend Hencken said has cost Eastern over a quarter of a million dollars.

While the new proposal is less costly than the original plan, the lower cost comes at the expense of dining dollars, Weyhaupt said. The old proposal recommended an increase of 50 dining dollars for the five meal plan, 20 dining dollars for the 10 meal plan, and 40 dining dol-

lars for the 15 meal plan.

The new proposal, however, would maintain the current allotment of 200, 60, 100, and 140 dining dollars for the 5, 10, 12 and 15 meal plans respectively.

Weyhaupt said the reason the new plan drops 50 dining dollars from the original plan but saves students only \$40 is to allow dining services to cover overhead costs.

The new plan's rates could be made even lower if the newspaper and hand dryer programs were cut, Weyhaupt said. According to the proposal, dropping the newspaper program would save each student \$10 a semester; axing the hand dryer program would decrease rates by an additional \$7.

Fanthorpe said students should make every effort to come to the forum.

"It is a time for all students to be

| Atglance Proposed housing rates | | | | |
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| Total Cost | 5 meals | 10 meals | 12 meals | 15 meals |
| Current | \$2000 | \$2000 | \$2150 | \$2250 |
| Old proposal | \$2195 | \$2250 | \$2350 | \$2460 |
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| Old proposal | \$250 | \$60 | \$120 | \$180 |
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Information provided by the Student Senate

heard so when we approve the final rates they represent exactly what the students want," Fanthorpe said. "I think that the students are really concerned about the rates and want to be heard."

CAA passes addition of class for geology/geography department

By **Ben Turner**
Staff writer

The Council on Academic Affairs passed the addition of a new course for the geology/geography department Thursday.

The new course, Tectonics (3430), was developed and will be taught by Dr. John Stimac. According to the course proposal, it is designed to evaluate plate tectonics in terms of historical evolution and modern application to understanding earth processes.

A field trip and field work are requirements of the course and will be designated as so in the course description. The course is scheduled to be available for fall semester 2002.

"We try to capitalize on the experience of (Dr. Stimac)," said Dr. Alan Baharlou, chair of the geology/geography department.

The CAA also passed the revi-

sion of the geology major requirements to accommodate the new course as an elective.

The CAA also discussed the three proposed administrative models for technology at Eastern. The CAA will recommend model B to the steering committee but will include a key issue from model C concerning copyright.

According to the model B proposal, its goal is to create a new central unit where faculty can go to seek assistance for all of their needs related to teaching with technology.

The key issue from Model C states: new staff will focus on initiating projects, handling compensation and copyright issues, rekeying required text, and providing training with software.

"We won't jump feet first into model B and will have incremental steps along the way that could prove insightful," CAA member Nancy Marlow, marketing professor, said.

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Department of Natural Resources awards Eastern grants

By Christina Clark
Staff writer

Eastern and Charleston can now do their part in protecting wildlife after having been granted a total of \$7,000 towards scientific research benefiting and preserving wildlife.

Eastern and Charleston received this funding because the Wildlife Preservation Fund has money for projects that look like they will improve

wildlife, said Tim Schweizer, of the Department of Natural Resources.

Eastern and Charleston received funding for projects on the vegetation of Eversgerd Post Oak Flatwoods, the effects of sugar maple removal of macrofungi in Barber's Woods Nature Preserve, the reproduction potential of endangered species (Patterson Bindweed), use of genetic markers to evaluate pattern of dispersal of an exotic species in Illinois reservoirs,

status survey of rare lily (Liliaceae) in Illinois, properties of symbiotic nitrogen-fixing bacteria isolated from common and endangered legumes, and the reproduction potential in three colonies of Silvery Bladderpod.

Each project received \$1,000. The goal of the funding is to improve wildlife's natural habitat.

"The money will help the scientific researchers to get out in the field and do the work. The best way to

study nature is to go out there," Schweizer said.

In order to be able to be eligible for grant money, any individual may apply to the Wildlife Preservation Committee. With the application, the applicant must state the idea for which the funding is needed and give a detailed description of the procedure for the project.

If the committee finds that the idea is viable it may provide funding if the

money is available. The money comes from individuals that make a cash donation or by designating a portion of their state income tax return.

"The funds are targeted toward specific wildlife habitat enhancement and species protection projects that in many cases would not be possible without this support," said Brent Manning, director of the Department of Natural Resources.

Census undercount likely in poor, minority Chicago neighborhoods

CHICAGO (AP) — The question is sometimes met with looks of suspicion in the Pilsen neighborhood, home to many Mexican immigrants who come to Chicago in search of a better life. And the group of gym rats at Temoc's Gym — most of them Spanish-speakers — is no exception.

Did you fill out your Census form?

Several answer "yes" and turn their heads, declining to elaborate and quickly returning to their exercise regimen. But despite his friends' urgings not to answer, Miguel Angel shakes his head "no."

"I didn't really know what it was," the 22-year-old Mexican immigrant says in Spanish. He shrugs and looks a little guilty.

But he is not alone.

U.S. Census data show that no more than 38 percent of residents in Angel's neighborhood mailed

in their Census forms, well below the already-meager 55 percent of Chicagoans who mailed in their forms — a return rate that placed the city among the worst of the nation's 10 largest cities and could cost it millions of dollars in federal and state funds and possibly a member of Congress.

An analysis by The Associated Press found the worst response to the Census 2000 mail-in campaign was in Chicago's poorest neighborhoods and those with the highest concentrations of blacks and Hispanics, including Pilsen.

That fits a historical pattern. After the 1990 count, the Census Bureau and outside experts found minorities were not counted in higher numbers than whites, resulting in undercounts in many major cities — from Los Angeles to Chicago, Miami and New York.

If early warnings of an under-

count hold true, the results could be very expensive for Chicago and Illinois because government funding and representation in Congress are based on population.

Chicago Public Schools officials said the 1990 undercount cost the city, including its public schools, about \$200 million in state and federal funding. In 1980 and 1990, Illinois lost two congressional seats to faster-growing states after each of those Census counts. Early figures from the 2000 Census show that Illinois will lose yet another seat, possibly in Chicago.

Census officials say 2000 mail-back rates are not a comprehensive measure of how completely neighborhoods were counted because they do not consider how many Chicagoans were found by its army of door-to-door enumerators, or counters.

Two group home employees charged with sexual abuse

EDWARDSVILLE (AP) — Two employees have been charged with sexually abusing a disabled woman at a Godfrey group home.

Aaron Wells, 29, and Billee Combs, 31, were charged Thursday with aggravated criminal sexual abuse and gross neglect of a 57-year-old woman who lived at Beverly Farm, a home for mentally and physically disabled adults.

The men are accused of placing a hand on the vaginal and rectal area of the victim. Madison County assistant state's attorney Tom Gibbons said the woman, who suffers from cerebral palsy, cannot use her arms or legs.

"It is absolutely disgusting,"

Gibbons said.

A third worker, Erin Miller, 26, was charged with abuse and gross neglect for allegedly standing by while the abuse occurred.

The abuse, which allegedly occurred in March 1999, was discovered when glitter was found in the woman's adult diaper.

But Gibbons said authorities did not find out about the alleged abuse until last July, when another worker reported it to state investigators.

He said he was disturbed that Beverly Farm managers apparently knew about the alleged abuse, but did not report it as a possible crime.

Beverly Farm executive director Martha Warford said it was not

reported because an internal investigation did not substantiate the allegation of sexual abuse. She said the employees were disciplined.

The home has been the focus of other claims of abuse and neglect.

Earlier this month, a resident filed a lawsuit in connection with a fall that allegedly caused her to go into a coma.

Last year, charges that a worker intentionally broke a patient's toe were dismissed after prosecutors said they did not have enough evidence to sustain a battery charge. Two other workers pleaded guilty to charges of abuse: one was accused of slapping a resident; the other of sitting on a foot stool to subdue a resident.



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Slide time

Sam McKirahan, 5, slides down a playground slide in Morton Park on Sunday afternoon.

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Bush relaxes before pushing education package to nation

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush spent Sunday relaxing on his ranch, gearing up for a week of travel designed to dampen Democratic criticisms that he cannot cut taxes without hurting popular government programs.

Bush did not venture into public Sunday, even for church. He left the ranch for a few minutes Saturday night to stop by an inaugural ball thrown at the local community center by their neighbors — at least those who live about as close as one can get to a 1,600-acre spread on the Texas prairie.

The Bushes rode in a limousine and spent about 10 minutes among the townspeople, whose attire ran the gamut from blue jeans and cowboy boots to tuxedos and gowns. Some partygoers, armed with cameras, posed beside standing cutouts of the president's parents, former President and Barbara Bush.

Bush scheduled visits this week to Ohio, Missouri and

Tennessee to lay the groundwork for the budget and tax-cutting proposals he will present to Congress on Feb. 27.

Republican lawmakers warned last week that Bush's \$1.6 trillion tax-cut plan was in trouble. Polls show that Americans favor tax cuts, but do not want the reductions to come at the expense of popular government actions, such as school dollars and reducing the debt.

Democrats are arguing that Bush's tax cut plan would increase the debt and threaten government programs. Bush's goal is to show Americans that it is possible to have both a steep tax cut and increased funding for education.

Before any of that, though, Bush was heading to Oklahoma for the dedication of a museum at the Oklahoma City National Memorial Center, a monument to the April 19, 1995 bombing that killed 168 people, including 19 children, at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

The museum seeks to capture the sense of frenzied panic after a powerful truck bomb exploded at 9:02 a.m. that day. It displays personal effects of the victims, as well as window blinds, file cabinets and concrete mangled by the blast.

A decorated Gulf War veteran, Timothy McVeigh, was convicted and sentenced to die for the attack. McVeigh, 32, has halted his appeals and is scheduled to die by lethal injection May 16 at a federal prison in Terre Haute, Indiana. No federal prisoner has been executed in 37 years.

Congress approved \$5 million to create the museum. It will be maintained through endowments, membership dues and admission fees.

The visit was setting a somber start to a week that Bush otherwise is devoting to one of his budget priorities: education.

The president has urged annual testing to better track student performance.

Clinton's brother arrested

HERMOSA BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Roger Clinton, the younger half-brother of former President Clinton, was arrested for investigation of drunken driving, police said Sunday.

Clinton, 44, was arrested early Saturday after an officer spotted him driving erratically through this oceanside town 18 miles south of Los Angeles, Officer Paul Wolcott said.

An officer saw Clinton's Ford Expedition sport utility vehicle hit a curb while making a right-hand turn, stop beyond the limit at two stop signs and straddle the center dividing line, Wolcott alleged.

After several blocks, the officer stopped Clinton at 2:26 a.m. and smelled alcohol on his breath, Wolcott said.

Clinton failed a balance and coordination test and was taken to the city jail for a breath test, police said. His blood-alcohol level met or exceeded .08 percent, the legal limit, but police did not immediately release a specific figure.

"There was no resistance," Wolcott said of the arrest. "He only indicated that he had been drinking at one of the bars."

An unidentified male passenger

“There was no resistance... He only indicated that he had been drinking at one of the bars.

Officer Paul Wolcott, Hermosabeach Police Department

” in Clinton's car was not arrested, Wolcott said.

Clinton, who lives in nearby Torrance, was released Saturday morning on his own recognizance. He was not required to post bail.

He was scheduled to be arraigned in Los Angeles County Superior Court on April 2.

A phone number for Clinton was unlisted, and he could not be reached through a previous spokesman. Julia Payne, spokeswoman for the former president, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Clinton is no stranger to legal troubles. Clinton served more than a year in prison after pleading guilty in 1985 to a charge of conspiracy to distribute a single gram of cocaine.

Righter

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go to law school," Righter said.

After attending St. Louis University School of Law for two years, he graduated with a law degree in 1991.

"I was interested in politics since high school, but I didn't really get into public issues until I actually got into the real world and began experiencing them first hand," Righter said.

"I really look at working in the court system as a form of public service," Righter said. "After graduation, I worked at a civil firm in Edwardsville, and in March of 1992, I took a job with the regional narcotics prosecutors of Coles County. Shortly after that I joined the Eastern Central Illinois Task Force which is where I stayed up to 1997," Righter said.

Righter's wife, Teresa, who also is an attorney, was appointed as an associate judge in Coles County, and Righter decided to

resign as a prosecutor because he wanted to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

"There never would have been a conflict of interest, but to people who don't really know the workings of that sort of thing, it might have seemed that way, and I didn't want that to happen," Righter said.

Righter then took up a position at the Charleston law firm of Shick and Tapella in 1997.

In November of 1998, the current representative for the Charleston/Mattoon district at

that time, Mike Weaver, resigned from his position, and Righter was chosen to be appointed out of four or five other candidates.

In November of 2000, Righter was re-elected to continue representing the Charleston/Mattoon district.

"During my time as prosecutor, my interests in public concerns continued to increase. I find public service very rewarding," Righter said.

Righter married Teresa in 1993, and they now have two boys, Jonathan, who is 6, and

Benjamin, who is four.

Righter loves his current position and has no plans to leave it.

"I find this job very fulfilling. It takes a lot of energy, and it involves long hours, but at the end of the day, I go to bed knowing I gave the taxpayers their worth, and I know that I'll get up and do it again the next day," Righter said.

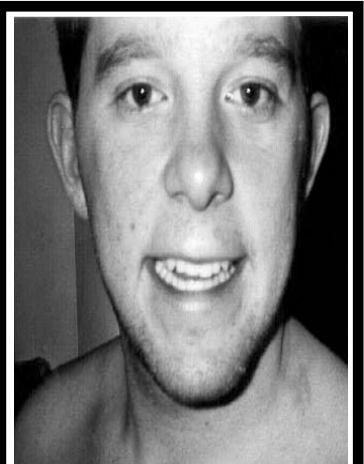
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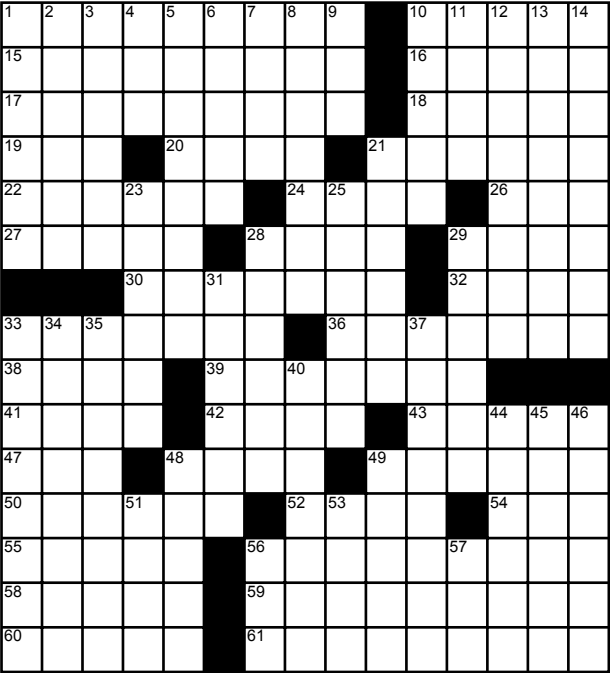
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NASCAR. It just seemed like something that Darrel was supposed to do.

As the race got down to the final 10 laps, I could hear the emotion in Darrel Waltrip’s voice as he gave advice to the brother that had grown up in his shadow, even though Michael couldn’t hear him.

Telling his younger brother to, “keep looking in the mirror, Michael.” And telling him, “not to let the other driver’s underneath him.”

But what what really got me was when just as Michael Waltrip crossed the finish line with about a car length or two to spare, older brother Darrel spoke about their father, who passed away some time back.

He also said that if their mother was watching, she was probably having a heart attack. As he was saying all of this, the camera crew took its attention away from the race to see tears running down the broadcaster’s face.

But at the same time, Waltrip had enough experience and sense in the sport to ask the announcers about the health of his fallen friend. A complete class act, because of all the things that were going on around Darrel Waltrip.

It seemed as though the Waltrips were reading each other’s minds, because once Michael go out of his car, FOX let the two brothers talk and the younger Waltrip thanked Darrel and their parents, and also asked about the health of Earnhardt, while adding that if their mother could have made it to the race, and if their father were still alive it would have been a perfect day – both of them crying tears of joy.

The moment was only too perfect. Two brothers, that when both of them were racing would have knocked each other out of the race, were now on national television unable t control their emotions.

But their moment of joy had almost certainly

turn into moments of grief, now that they have found about the death of their colleague.

I can’t help but wonder, what will be the next curveball God will throw us?

What moment will the next to marred by tragedy?

I feel for the Earnhardts for obvious reasons, and I feel for NASCAR because one of its great moments has put on the back burner because of a death to one its best.

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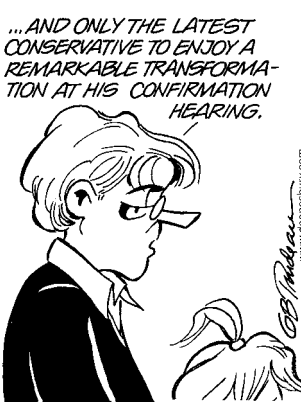
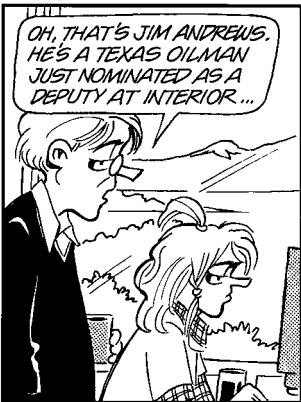
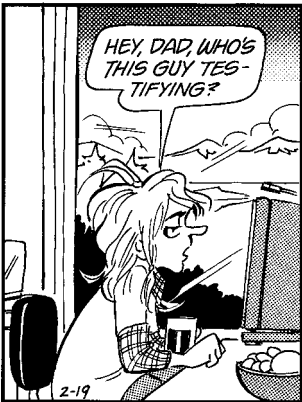
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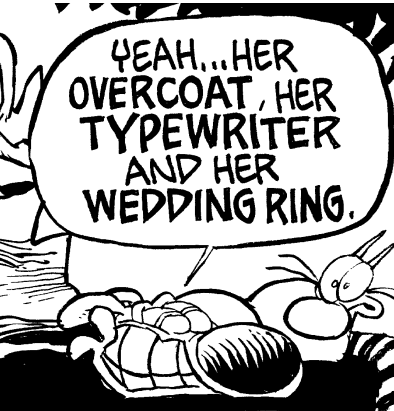
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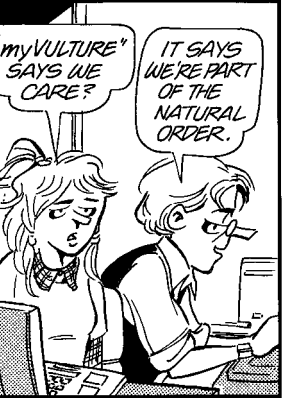
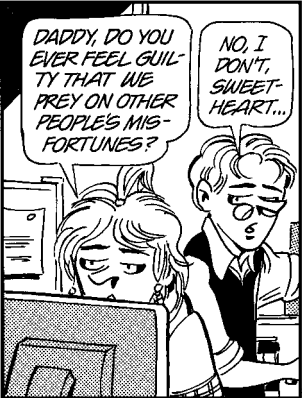
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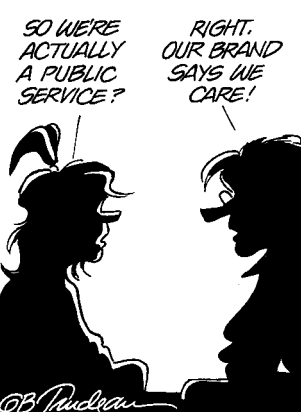
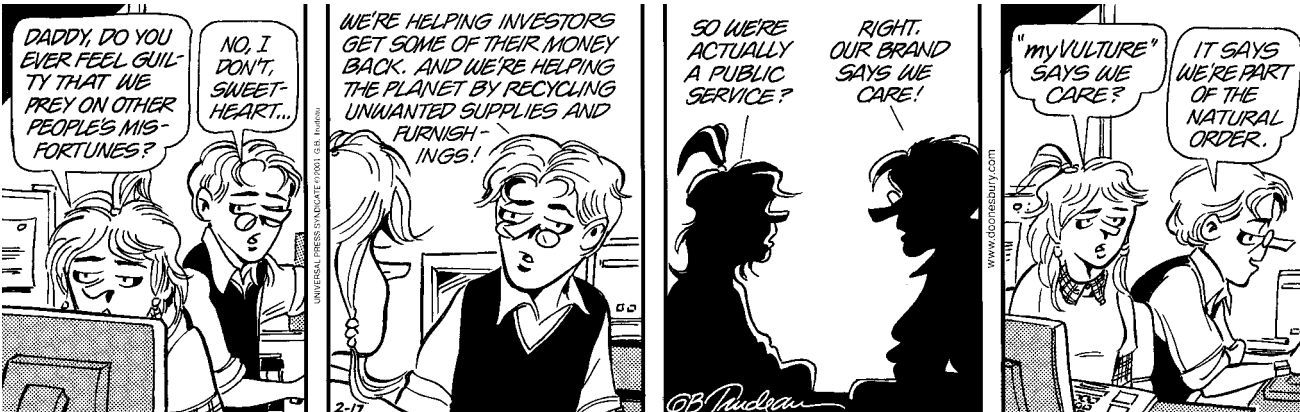
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Boilermakers steamroll Panthers

By Bill Ruthhart
Sports editor

Big 10 power and 17th ranked Purdue handed the Panther wrestlers another loss in their final dual meet of the season.

The Boilermakers (9-6) got off to a huge 25-0 lead early over the Panthers (3-9) and never looked back, winning 28-9.

"It's tough when you get down by that much, that fast," Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland said. "Joe Gleissner didn't have it, (heavyweight) B.J. (Bertelsman) gets pinned, we forfeit 125 and boom, boom, bam, we're down by a lot."

It would get worse, however, as freshman 133-pounder Mike Stanley would lose 17-3, 141-pounder Shawn Slenczka dropped his match 8-1 and 149-pounder Joe Gassen lost 12-5.

Things would get better for Eastern, however.

Sophomore Frank DeFillipis (157) got the Panthers on the board with a 6-2 win over Purdue's Oscar Santiago, who had a 13-6 record coming in.

"Frank wrestled very well and individually made some good decisions," McCausland said.

"He did a good job of capitalizing on opportunities and was prepared for his match," McCausland said.

Louis Taylor lost a close match at the 174-pound weight class, as he was defeated 3-1 by Boilermaker freshman Ryan Lange, who is ranked 14th in the nation individual-

ly.

"Louis didn't have the feel in this match," McCausland said. "It was a tough match for him, and I'm not sure he was feeling well, but match preparation is something he needs to work on a little more."

Kyle Bracey (184) defeated his opponent 13-7 and had a couple of opportunities to come away with a pin.

"Kyle had a couple of opportunities to put his guy away and couldn't do it," McCausland said. "He wrestled well, but those are the opportunities he needs to jump on."

The highlight of the day was the final home match of Eastern's lone senior Mike Kelly. The 27-year-old former Marine had enough to defeat Purdue's Kirk Moore 12-10.

"Mike Kelly hit a wall in the third period but hung on to get the win," McCausland said. "He's really done a nice job for us in his two years here."

"It was nice to get a win in the last one," Kelly said. "I never thought I'd finally get around to my last match because I've been wrestling so long."

"It was really nice to go out with a win, and especially beating a guy from a Big 10 school," he said. "Hopefully this will carry on and get me past the regionals and on to the nationals."

Kelly and the Panthers will have the next couple weeks to prepare before traveling to Laramie, Wyo. on Mar. 3 for the NCAA West Regional.



Bill Ruthhart/ Staff photographer

Joe Gassen gets thrown over the shoulder of his opponent from Purdue in Sunday's meet at Lantz gym.

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free-throw shooting, as the nation's leading team at the charity stripe missed an uncharacteristic five of 15 free-throw attempts.

We did not make free throws like we normally make free throws," Samuels said. "That was a break that could have made a difference."

The Indians attribute the win to their defensive strategy.

"We changed our game plan from the last time we played them," said McCuthison, who led the Indians with 14 points. "Last time we played them, we played with a defense that was focused on guarding two people. This time we went back to our regular defense."

"We focused on Hill and Domercant too much in the first game," Indian senior guard Antonio Short said. "The difference in this game is that we didn't double team them like we did every time last game."

While SEMO did come away with

the win, Hill and Domercant did combine to score 53 of the Panthers' 73 points. Domercant, the nations No. 2 scorer, finished with 23 points while Hill, the 11th leading scorer in the nation, scored a season-high and game-high 30 points, 22 of which came in the second half.

"Kyle was absolutely superb tonight," said senior point guard Matt Britton, who finished the game with eight rebounds, nine points and nine assists. "He deserved to win this game. I hate it for him."

"I wish we could have made a play or two more to help win this game," he said. "Kyle left everything he had on the court and it was very admirable for a senior."

The Indians said they approached Saturday's contest as a championship game, knowing a loss would pretty much eliminate the Panthers' hopes for an Ohio Valley Conference championship.

"We listened to them before the game," McCuthison said. "They were all talking about being OVC Champions and all this before the game."

"We said, 'We'll see tonight,' and

we just layed it all out on the line," he said.

"Our kids are disappointed," Samuels said. "We thought we had a chance to win a conference championship and it now appears we won't have that opportunity."

"Who knows? If we win our last two, the two teams ahead of us, Murray (State) and (Tennessee) Tech, have some tough games, and they play each other," he said. "So somebody is going to drop down, we'll just have to wait and see how it turns out."

Meanwhile, the Panthers can only look forward to battling for an OVC tournament championship and an automatic NCAA bid.

"That's where we have to look now, because this pretty much eliminates us from the conference championship—most likely," Britton said. "We'd have to get a lot of help."

"So now we just have to head back to Lantz and hopefully we'll have another good crowd behind us, win these last two games and get momentum," he said. "Then we'd get one more game at Lantz in the tournament and then go to Nashville and win the thing."

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finished with 20 and 25 points respectively. The two combined to score 26 of the Panthers' 36 second-half points.

Wunder said her players did an excellent job of responding to a variety of defenses the Otakians through at them.

"I thought there were some big points in the game where they would do something different to us, and we really answered," she said. "They had a difficult time because they didn't know how to guard us."

"We did a good job of moving the basketball and finding open people and most importantly, making shots."

The win was the Panthers' third in the OVC this season, their second in their last three conference games.

"All I know is that we needed this one," O'Connor said of Saturday's win. "We needed this one to get into the conference tournament."

However, Eastern has yet to assure itself a spot in the Ohio Valley Conference postseason tourney as the Panthers remain 9th and dead last in

the conference after 8th place Morehead State picked up two wins this week. Only the top eight teams get bids into the tournament, but Eastern will try to get its second win of the season against the Eagles at home Thursday before wrapping up the regular season Saturday against Eastern Kentucky.

"They're all big games and I told them that before the game," Wunder said. "We can win all of them, but we have to take on at a time and this is how we have to play."

Earlier in the season, winning four of their last five conference games would seem nearly impossible for the struggling Panthers, but that outlook has quickly changed in the past week.

"We're not doing anything differently, and I really think it's a tribute to our players," Wunder said of her team's turnaround. "They've realized we have to step up these last few games and they have."

"I think they're playing hard and playing pretty good team defense, and we're executing better on offense," she said. "And when you start to do those things for 40 minutes, you have opportunities to win ball games."

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Men's and women's track teams clean up at Lantz

Men's track team wins easy at Friday Night Special, ready to challenge for indoor title

By Chuck Babinski
Staff writer

In preparation for hosting the Ohio Valley Conference indoor championships, the men's track team lapped the field in the small Friday Night Special in Lantz Fieldhouse. "We had some good performances, and that's a good sign," head coach Tom Akers said. "It's time to get ready for the championships."

Although not many full teams attended the meet, the individual events were still competitive. The University of Illinois only sent its pole vaulters, and Illinois State University and Butler University also competed with partial teams. In the multiple dual-meet format, Eastern's track team easily beat the field.

The story of Friday night was Quincy Jackson. Jackson won the triple jump with a personal indoor best of 45-feet-8-inches, and he also won the high jump and the long jump.

"Quincy had a very good meet," Akers said. "What was even more impressive was this was the first time he did the triple jump this year."

Jackson's jump was the second-best jump in the conference this year, and Akers is now optimistic the team can score points in the triple jump to bolster an already deep, well-rounded team.

Ruffner Francis placed second in the high jump with a season best at 6-6, and Justin Young also posted a season best at 6-4 to tie for fourth with Francis.

In other field events, Dave Astrauskas, Tyler Fagan and Ron White all had season-best throws in the weighted throw to finish second, third and fourth respectively. For Fagan and White, these were personal bests as well.

In the shot put, Clint Alexander and Astrauskas threw for season bests. This is encouraging for Eastern because next week-end Southeast Missouri State will bring strong representatives to the throwing events. "Southeast Missouri State is our main competition at conference," Akers said. "It will probably come down to us and them in a few certain events."

In the track events, Jarrod Macklin won the 200-meter dash and the 400, and Greg Belger won the 60-meter hurdles and took second in the 200.

"Terrance Roberts and Sean Fairclough also did good in the 60-meter hurdles," Akers said. "They've showed a lot of improvement."

Jason Bialka won the mile, and Jermaine Jones and Kevin Christian ran personal bests in the 600 with a time of 1:21. Steven Edwards ran a personal best in the 800 as well.

The sprinters are also showing improvement. Roberts, James Benson and Antwan Oliver finished third, fourth and fifth respectively in the 60-meter dash, with Benson and Oliver posting season-best times. Oliver also placed third in the 200.

"It's good to have had our first meet at home out of the way," Akers said. "Now we just have to get mentally ready for conference and hope we peak at the right time."

Women's track team takes major step forward, now getting ready to host Indoor Championship

By Chuck Babinski
Staff writer

The women's indoor track team made great strides in trying to recover from an injury-ridden season by winning the Friday Night Special in Lance Fieldhouse.

"It was a good inaugural effort for the track," head coach John Craft said. "I was really pleased with our showing. We had about seven or eight personal-best performances."

Friday was the first meet held in Lantz since it was recently renovated. Next week it will host the Ohio Valley Conference indoor track and field championships.

With the indoor track season almost over, most teams only sent partial teams to prepare for their conference championships. The University of Illinois only sent its pole vaulters, and Illinois State University and Butler University did not send full teams either.

"At this time of year, scoring isn't really that important," Craft said. "It was nice to have most of our regular squad back."

Lauren Rapacki ran away from the field, winning the 3000-meter run, posting a time of 11:06.35. Beth Martin placed third in the mile.

Nicole Milici won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:18.50, and Amanda Galvin and Tammy Schurch placed third and fifth in the 600-meter run.

Leah Reeves and Lexie Nuckolls each returned from illnesses to finish third and fifth respectively in the 60-meter dash, and Catara Benson placed fourth. Benson and Reeves also placed third and fourth respectively in the 200-meter dash. Melissa McMillan, Heather Blanco and Shauna Searcy

placed second, fourth and fifth in the 400.

The team of Milici, Katie Springer, Martin and Searcy won the distance medley relay.

In the field events, Marissa Bushue won the triple jump at 37-11, and Jennifer Cowen placed second with a personal best at 37-1 1/4.

"We tried to hold Marissa back while she was nursing a hamstring, but she wanted to see what she could do," Craft said. "We did an outstanding job in the field events."

Bushue also won the long jump at 18-1, and Cowen and Andrea Minott took second and third with personal-best leaps.

While jumping with a fractured toe, Cynthia McGee won the high jump with a personal best leap of 5-feet-7-inches.

"My toe is a little sore and still hurts," McGee said. "But right now I just have to fight through it and compete."

The throwers also showed much improvement. Tiffany Greenley was second in the shot put and second in the weighted throw at 47-9, almost two feet farther than her previous best. Sandra Hussey placed fifth in the shot put and fourth in the weighted throw with a personal best throw of 45-8. Stephanie Brandt and Teresa Townsend also had personal bests in the weighted throw.

In the pole vault, Mary Wood tied a school record held by Alethea Bodden with a vault of nine feet.

Although the conference championships are less than a week away, Craft anticipates no major changes in practice this week.

"Right now we have our sights on the conference meet, and it should be quite a test," Craft said. "This week we'll just hone our skills and get ready."

Dale Earnhardt killed in last lap crash during Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt, the greatest stock car star of his era, was killed in a crash on the last turn of the last lap of Sunday's Daytona 500 as he tried to protect Michael Waltrip's victory.

The 49-year-old driver had to be cut from his battered car and was taken to Halifax Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead of head injuries.

"He had what I felt were life-ending type injuries at the time of impact and nothing could be done for him," said Dr. Steve Bohannon, an emergency physician at the hospital who also works for Daytona International Speedway.

The accident happened a half-mile from the finish of the NASCAR season-opener as Earnhardt's newest driver, Waltrip, and son Dale Earnhardt Jr. were in front racing toward what should have been the most triumphant moment in the brief history of Dale Earnhardt Inc.

Earnhardt, a master of super-speedway racing, was fighting for third place, leading a tightly bunched five-car pack heading through the final turn. The back left corner of his famed black No. 3 Chevrolet was

bumped by Sterling Marlin.

Earnhardt's car fishtailed slightly and briefly slid to its left, down toward the infield, before suddenly swinging back to the right and cutting across traffic at a sharp angle. He clipped Ken Schrader, whose yellow Pontiac carried both cars hard into the concrete wall headfirst at about 180 mph.

With Earnhardt's car already smoking and shredding at the front, Schrader's car stayed lodged into the passenger's side of the Chevrolet, forming a T. The cars careened again off the wall, plowing into the final turn and sliding to a stop on the infield grass.

"I guess someone got into Dale because Dale got into me and then we went up," Schrader said. "We hit pretty hard and Dale hit harder."

The scene was grim as safety workers removed Earnhardt from the car, and the accident removed all the luster from a glittering race that kept the record crowd of 195,000 spectators on their feet most of the afternoon.

Many of them were well on their way home when NASCAR president Mike Helton made the announce-

ment, about 90 minutes after the race ended.

"This is undoubtedly one of the toughest announcements I have ever personally had to make. We've lost Dale Earnhardt," Helton said.

Fans in and around the sprawling speedway wept after hearing the news. The track lowered its huge American flag in the infield to half-staff after the race.

Earnhardt was a seven-time Winston Cup champion, and his 76 victories were the most among active drivers. He continued to race for long-time friend and boss Richard Childress while starting his own team, which expanded to three cars with the addition of Waltrip this year. His other drivers were Dale Jr. and Steve Park.

The death of Earnhardt left NASCAR reeling in the wake of a 2000 season in which three of its young stars were killed in separate accidents.

Adam Petty, the fourth generation of stock car racing's most famous family, and Kenny Irwin died in crashes two months apart at New Hampshire International Speedway and Tony Roper was killed later in the year in a crash during a truck race at

Texas Motor Speedway. All three died of the same type of head injuries that apparently killed Earnhardt.

Following those deaths, safety had become a front-burner issue for the sport, with a debate over possible rules changes and the use of new safety equipment.

Earnhardt wore an open-faced helmet and shunned some of NASCAR's other basic safety innovations. He didn't like the restrictor plates NASCAR used to slow speeds at its fastest tracks, and refused to wear a Head And Neck Safety (HANS) brace that recently has been touted as a way to help prevent serious head injuries.

Dr. Steve Bohannon said Earnhardt probably died of severe head injuries, particularly to the base of the skull. They were the same type of injuries that killed the three drivers last year.

"I know the full-face helmet wouldn't have made a difference," Bohannon said. "I don't know if the HANS device would have helped. I suspect not."

Earnhardt's death completely overshadowed the victory by Waltrip, his first in 15 years and 463 races on

Winston Cup circuit.

At first, Waltrip, the younger brother of retired three-time champion Darrell Waltrip, was jubilant, scrambling from his car in Victory Lane and shouting in a raspy voice: "This is the Daytona 500, and I won it! I won the Daytona 500! I can't believe it!"

But he was somber as it became apparent that his new boss was badly injured.

"The only reason I won this race is Dale Earnhardt," Waltrip said.

The race, with two- and three-wide driving and constantly changing positions, was also interrupted by a 21-car crash that sent Tony Stewart's car flying through the air. He, too, was taken to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with a concussion.

Waltrip took the lead 16 laps from the end of the 200-lap race at Daytona International Speedway and stayed in front, with Earnhardt Jr. and the elder Earnhardt protecting his flank.

"I thought it might be too bold or bragging to say we could win it in our first race as a team," Waltrip said. "But I thought we could."

"I could never have won without Dale Jr.," he said. "I could never have won without the belief of Dale Sr."


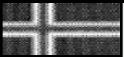


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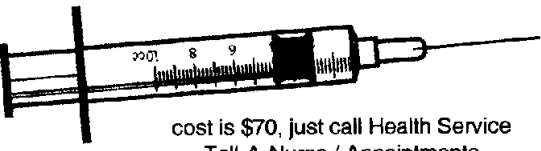
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A paramount, tragic event

Good morning, sports fans. It's too bad that something this terrible had to come from something that good.

Sunday's 43rd running of the Daytona 500 was a sporting event that, coming into the weekend, ranked up there with the Los Angeles-Las Vegas XFL game. I really could have cared less. But by the end, it was the paramount event of the past few weeks. Not only in the sports world, but in everyday life.

While the winner of Daytona 500, Michael Waltrip, was making his dash to the finish line, winning the first race of his career, while NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt was making his last appearance in any race.

Earnhardt, "The Intimidator," slammed into the wall right before Waltrip won the race, and originally it seemed as though he would be okay. But it was later found out that he suffered massive chest injuries and died.

It seems life works in funny ways sometimes, with Waltrip winning his first race in 463 tries, and one of NASCAR's all-time greats passing away behind the wheel, doing the thing that made him the happiest.

To tell the truth, I didn't watch the race until the last 25 laps or so because of the trip back to school, but when I did turn on the race while I was unpacking, I couldn't keep my eyes and ears away from the race.

The reason I couldn't turn my attention away from the Daytona 500 was the running of the race by eventual winner Michael Waltrip, and the comments of the color man in the booth, Michael's older brother, Darrel Waltrip.

But in the aftermath when I found out about the death of Earnhardt, I was stunned and couldn't believe what I was hearing. It all just seemed unreal. Even the people that don't like NASCAR know the name Earnhardt.

As the race started to wind down, the elder Waltrip seemed to find it hard to control his bias towards his little brother, who had never won a Winston Cup race before in 462 tries.

Now, normally I would have ripped the people from FOX, which had the Daytona 500 this year, for letting Darrel Waltrip sit there and root for his brother during the race.

But when he start to cheer for his brother I suddenly didn't feel angry at the older Waltrip for rooting for his brother, but happy for one of the first families of

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Buzzer beaten

Indians kill Eastern's OVC championship dreams with last-second victory at home

By **Bill Ruthhart**
Sports editor

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — The roar of the crowd as the buzzer sounded said it all Saturday night as Southeast Missouri's final shot of the game likely spoiled the Panthers hopes of a conference championship.

With just 35.3 seconds remaining, Panther freshman forward Jesse Mackinson drove the lane, made contact with an Indian defender and hit a shot that would have given Eastern (16-9, 9-5) a 75-73 advantage. But instead, Mackinson was called on a questionable charge, and SEMO (16-11, 6-8) was left with a chance to win the game on its final possession.

With just a .3 second differential between the shot and game clocks, the Indians were in the position to take the final shot of regulation. After a timeout, Indian senior guard Michael Stokes dribbled the ball as the clock ran down to just over three seconds remaining.

"The play was drawn up for Stokey to drive the lane, take a shot or kick it out," senior forward

Emmanuel McCuthison said. "He took the shot and I crashed the boards and just tried to get the tip."

McCuthison did get the tip, in fact, he tipped it in, putting the Indians up 75-73 with just one second left. After a pair of Panther timeouts, Eastern sophomore guard Henry Domercant caught the inbound pass and threw up a half court shot which fell short as the buzzer sounded.

"We were in the game," Panther head coach Rick Samuels said.

"It's a different game if we get a break here or there — a break like Jesse Mackinson's basket which would have enabled us to take the lead."

While McCuthison's tip-in won the game for the Indians, Mackinson's charge may have lost it for the Panthers.

"The charge down at our basket, I don't know if that's the right call," Samuels said. "I'm going to review the game tape, and I'll be prejudiced toward our side, certainly."

"That was a situation where we had the chance to take the lead and not give them the last possession to win the game," he said.

While Samuels said his players showed a lack of defensive intensity at times, he said the reason his team lost was basic — they were simply outshot.

"Well, certainly it was a very exciting basketball game and SEMO continues to have the late-season high shooting



Eastern guard Kyle Hill battles for a loose ball in the Panthers' 73-75 loss to the Indians on the road Saturday night. The loss virtually eliminated Eastern's hopes of winning a regular season OVC championship. Hill finished the game with a season-high 30 points. The senior scored 22 of those in the second half.

Bill Ruthhart
Staff photographer

Men's basketball standings ^{per-}

| | OVC | Overall |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Tennessee Tech | 11-3 | 17-8 |
| Murray State | 10-4 | 15-10 |
| Austin Peay | 9-5 | 19-8 |
| Eastern Illinois | 9-5 | 16-9 |
| Southeast Missouri | 6-8 | 16-11 |
| Morehead State | 6-8 | 12-13 |
| Tennessee State | 6-8 | 9-17 |
| Tennessee-Martin | 5-9 | 10-15 |
| Eastern Kentucky | 1-13 | 7-17 |

Staturday's results

Austin Peay 78, Belmont 74*
Murray State 86, Eastern Kentucky 81
Morehead State 86, Tenn.-Martin 77
Tennessee tech 81, Tennessee State 72
Southeast Missouri 75, Eastern Illinois 73

centages," Samuels said. "They've shot 60 percent the last couple games and shoot 56 percent (Saturday)."

"That's awful tough to overcome, and they only missed one free throw."

Another break that didn't go Eastern's way was

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In command

Women whip SEMO by 23

By **Bill Ruthhart**
Sports editor

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — The Panther women's basketball team kept its postseason hopes alive in a colossal way Saturday night with a commanding 70-47 win over Southeast Missouri State here at the Show Me Center.

"I think we're a strong team with a lot of talent, and I think we're a much better team than our record says," freshman Pam O'Connor said following the win. "We just wanted to come out and prove it. This feels great."

Eastern (7-18, 3-11) got off to an early start on the Otahkians (13-11, 8-6) and never looked back. The Panthers' dominance early in the game was helped by hot shooting and the presence of O'Connor inside, but it was great defensive efforts that slingshot Eastern into the 23-point victory.

"Defense was the name of the game," O'Connor said. "We stepped up and coach said they had something like 30 turnovers by the time it was over."

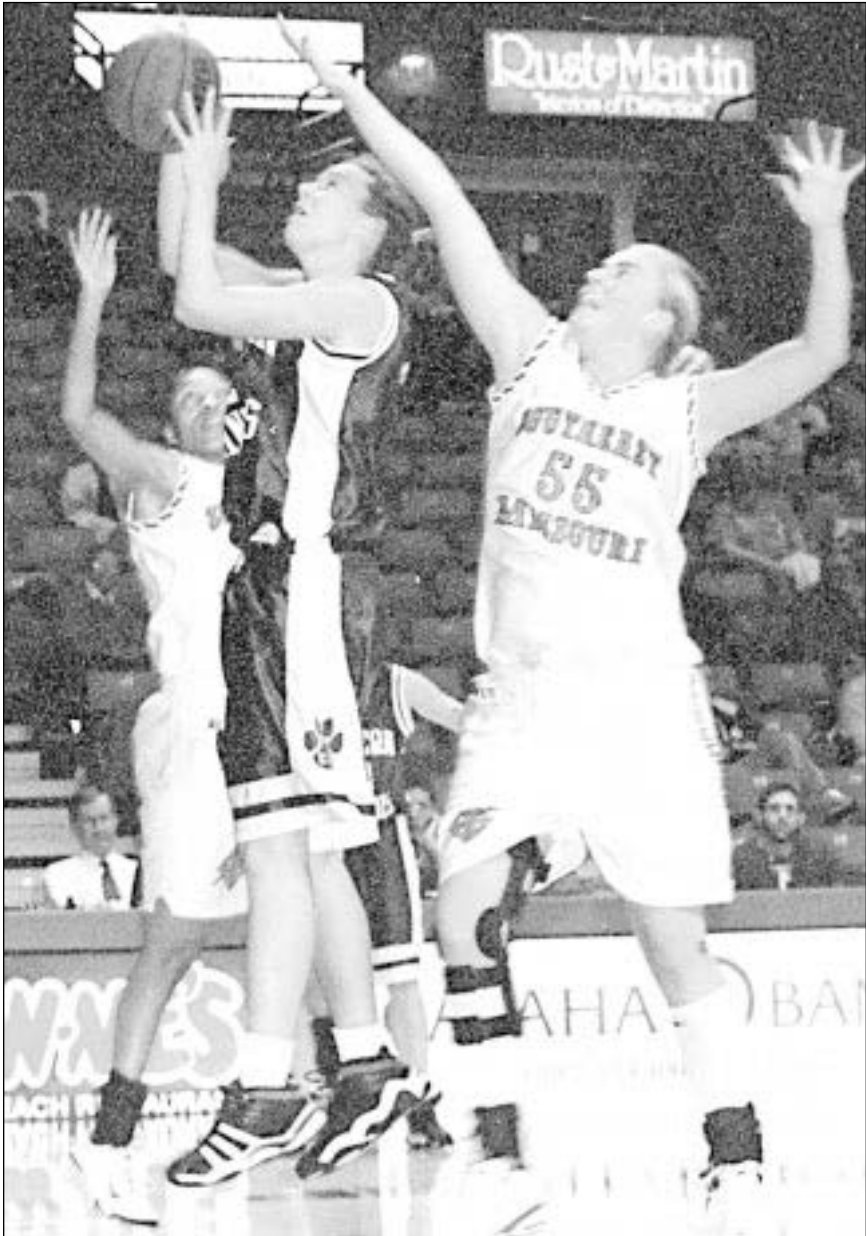
"Any time you can make a team turn the ball over like that, you're going to win, and that's what we did," she said.

Twenty of those turnovers came via Panther steals with senior guards Portery Scott and Renee Schaul finishing with five each and freshman guard Lauren Dailey finishing with four swipes.

"I thought defensively did a good job, and I also feel like Portery did a great job (Saturday)," head coach Linda Wunder said. "From a defensive standpoint, she set the tone early stealing the ball."

"She had five steals in the first half and I think Renee had three right away," she said. "Those two really set the tone defensively for us, and I think they frustrated the SEMO guards a lot. They weren't able to do what they wanted to do," she said.

On the other side of the ball, it was all O'Connor and Schaul who



Bill Ruthhart/Staff photographer

Otahkian center Pam Iversen tries to block one of Eastern's shots in the Panthers' 70-47 win in Cape Girardeau.

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